

The Republic of Ireland and the Connemara on a motorbike

8 days/7 nights

Spend 8 days travelling around the Republic of Ireland and discovering the Connemara by motorbike.

With ancient myths and legends to uncover, the Republic of Ireland is a hidden gem with stunning pastoral scenery and wonderful coastal roads. The Connemara is also a truly magical place to discover with its lonely valleys, shimmering black lakes and wonderland of sites and colours.

Travelling around the Republic of Ireland is also a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the famous Irish welcome and the craic (=good fun) with locals.

Nights in comfortable 3- and 4-star hotels.

Trip available with our digital road-book.

Find out about the digital road-book

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Arriving in Ireland

Your trip starts in Rosslare. Contact us if you would like to arrive in a different port.

Riding in a westerly direction, you will get to see Ireland's coastal landscapes for the first time until reaching Arthurstown from where you will take the ferry to cross the river.

Wonderful landscapes will await you on the opposite riverbank and you will soon reach Waterford, a town built by the Vikings in 914, which is now famous for its glassblowing industry. You will then continue your journey, head south to Tramore, an enchanting coastal village, and ride along the coast. There are several beautiful panoramic views before reaching Cork which is today's destination point.

Night in Corke.

Distance: from 180 and up to 210km.



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Day 2 - From Cork to the West Coast

Head South and travel through Ireland's charming coastal villages before reaching Clonakilty where you might want to drink some Irish coffee! During today's stage, you will have the opportunity to visit Glandore's stone circle. Next, travel inland and ride along a superb little mountain road which climbs up to magnificent landscapes where you might come across sheep flocks. The road then winds down through landscapes dotted with lakes and charming little villages.

Night in a nice little village by the water.

Distance: from 180 and up to 220km.

Day 3 - Kerry and the Dingle peninsula

Start today's stage by discovering Kerry which has a National Park with wonderful lakes and numerous historical monuments. It is one of the top destinations in Ireland! The landscapes are jus magnificent. As you get closer to your destination point, you will also get to see numerous sea otters and seals.

Night in Dingle, the westernmost town in Europe! There are lots of traditional Irish pubs to explore and many excellent type of beers to be tested.

Bonus feature: optional ride to Slea Head. Distance: from 160 and up to 210km.



Day 4 - Dingle, the Cliffs of Moher and Galway Bay

The fourth day of the tour will lead you to climb one of the most beautiful road passes in the peninsula. You will travel through breathtaking landscapes, but be careful of the sheep! They tend to wander about freely on the roads.

Ride onto coastal roads and skirt around the mountains of Glanaruddery to take the ferry to Clare County. There are beautiful views to be admired during the crossing. Next, follow a coastal road which will take you to the Cliffs of Moher, one of the most photographed places in the whole of Ireland! The views are fantastic and bird watchers will surely enjoy observing all the different species which live there, including a great colony of puffins.

The road will finally take you to your destination point, a typical Irish village.

Bonus feature: optional ride to a dolmen with truly magical rocky landscapes.



Distance: from 180 and up to 220km.

Day 5 - The Connemara

Ride through Galway and enter the world-famous Connemara. Once there, you will discover sublime seascapes similar to those of Brittany and the Caribbean.

You might also enjoy having lunch and an Irish beer at a local pub set in one of the wonderful little fishermen's villages.

Night on the tip of the Connemara.

Distance: from 180 and up to 210km.



Day 6 - From the Connemara to Galway

Leave the Connemara and head inland towards completely different but equally fantastic landscapes with lakes of all sizes and countless islets at the foot of the Maamturk Mountains. A trip around the biggest and most beautiful lakes in the area is highly recommended. You will also visit the village, a castle which has been converted into a hotel, and the ruins of a monastery. Next, continue towards Galway, a lively and colourful town where you will have no trouble finding a pub with live Irish music.

Distance: from 150 and up to 200km.

Day 7 - From Galway to Dublin

The 7th day of the tour is more of a transitional day during which you will take the high way in order to get to Dublin in less than 2h30. This will give you enough time to enjoy Galway or Dublin. Halfway through today's journey, you will also get to visit the oldest distillery in the entire world. End today's stage by strolling down the streets of the beautiful Dublin. You might also want to visit the Guinness factory and to taste this delicious stout beer.

Night in Dublin.

Distance: 210km on the high way.

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Day 8 - From Dublin to Rosslare port

Make the most out of your last motorcycling day and head South after leaving Dublin. You will soon reach the Moorlands, and its hilly and deserted landscapes. Beautiful waterfalls and a village built in the 11th century will be your backdrop for lunch. You will then get to see magnificent seascapes and travel through Wexford before reaching the port of Rosslare for your return ferry crossing.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 695 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Supplement for July and August departures: 140 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick: 25 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Nights in 3- and 4-star hotels and guesthouses (double bedrooms), breakfasts, maps and road-book.

NOT INCLUDED

Transport options from Rosslare and to Rosslare, ferry crossings (10€ approx.), transfers which are not included in the tour, meals (except breakfasts), insurance, beverages, motorbike rental, repair costs, fines and speed tickets, visits of tourist sites, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Distances: up to 220km a day.

ACCOMMODATION

3- and 4-star hotels and guesthouses with private parking facilities.

SIZE OF GROUP

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DEPARTURES

Every day from mid-April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE

Rosslare or any other port. We can organise and book your ferry crossings. Contact us for more details.

DISPERSION

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